

#9
SI
090203

2621



PATENT
Attorney Docket No. A-69368/MAK
Dorsey File No. 467766-42

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Baron D. Williams et al.

Serial No.: 09/981,546

Filing Date: October 17, 2001

For: *Lossless Variable-Bit Signature
Compression*

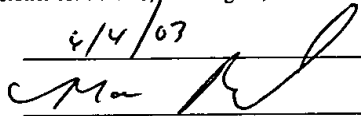
Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: Unknown

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence, including listed enclosures, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on:

Dated: 6/4/03

Signed: 
Marcus Bradford

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED
JUN 10 2003
Technology Center 2600

Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the reference cited on the accompanying substitute for form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

None of the foregoing references is believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the

reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

As far as is known to the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a national application, within three months of the date of entry of the national state in an international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and therefore no fee is required. While no fee is currently believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-69368/MAK. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

Respectfully submitted,
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

Dated: June 3, 2003
Customer Number: 32940
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
Intellectual Property Department
Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3400
San Francisco, CA 94111-4187
Telephone: (415) 781-1989
Facsimile: (415) 398-3249

BY: Michael K. Kaufman
Michael Kaufman, Reg. No. 32,998



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO (Modified) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)			Complete if Known		
			Application Number	09/981,546	
			Filing Date	October 17, 2001	
			First Named Inventor	Barron D. Williams	
			Group Art Unit	Unknown	
Examiner Name	Unknown				
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	A-69368/MAK

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	A1	5,091,975	February 25, 1992	Berger, Toby et. al.	Abstract; figure 2 column 3, line 21 -column 4, line 48
	A2	5,857,029	January 5, 1999	Patel, Mark A et al.	Abstract; column 6, line 28 - line 67
	A3	6,011,873	January 4, 2000	Rafi, Abbas et. al.	Abstract; figure 4, column 3, line 28 -line 67
	A4				
	A5				
	A6				
	A7				
	A8				
	A9				
	A10				
	A11				

RECEIVED
JUN 10 2003
Technology Center 2600

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Country Code* Number* Kind Code* (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
	B1					
	B2					
	B3					
	B4					
	B5					
	B6					

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			T ⁶
	C1				
	C2				
	C3				
	C4				

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231. 1112994_1